

THE WHITE HOUSE
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MEMO FOR RECORD

The attached is indicative of the type of information the President is seeing on military status re Cuba.

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Cuba

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CUBA FACT SHEET

SAC: SAC has dispersed 183 B-47s to 33 ZI civilian and military airfields. It has been reported that as of 0800, 182 of the aircraft are ready and the one remaining expected to be in commission shortly.

the 1/8th Airborne Alert, as of 0600 local this morning had 60 B52s airborne. 52 of the 60 with 196 weapons were effectively covering targets.

Under the 1/8 concept, 66 B52s is the maximum number that will be airborne at any one time. This will give a maximum of 60 effective airplanes with 210 weapons.

The ground alert force of airplanes and missiles is composed of 271 B52s and 340 B67s carrying 1634 weapons. With 136 ATLAS and TITAN missiles on the alert, SAC has a "COCKED" force of 1962 weapons that are either in the air or can be within 15 minutes.

CINCSAC has been directed to begin generation of his remaining force of 804 airplanes and 44 missiles as of 10 A.M. this morning (JCS 6917). In 24 hours his generation will be complete and the SAC force of 172 missiles and 1200 airplanes with 2858 weapons, will be operational ready.

Blockade Forces: Ships and aircraft have been placed in position for the quarantine of Cuba. Among those on line are the CVAs, Enterprise, Independence, and the CVS Essex, accompanied by 9 escorts. Task Group 136.1 composed of 7 DDs, 2 DDRs, 2 DLGs, and 1 DDG are taking up surface blockade stations.

Marines: Guantanamo is an armed garrison - 5868 Personnel. 2810 dependents had been evacuated just before dark Monday night. 2433 were moved out by surface vessels, destined for Little Creek, Va. The other 378 were airlifted to Norfolk. This evacuation was accomplished without incident.

Three augmentation battalions are now present at Guantanamo to augment the base defense force; these are the Second Battalion Second Marines from Vieques, the Second Battalion First Marines which was airlifted from El Toro, and the First Battalion Eighth Marines which was airlifted from Cherry Point. The Third Battalion Second

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Marines is afloat near Cuba and will take station 150 miles Northeast of the island. The First Battalion, Sixth Marines aboard two JPH's will be positioned 50 miles South of Guantanamo. The Second Battalion, Sixth Marines is proceeding from Norfolk aboard an amphibious squadron to take up position 140 miles Northeast of Cuba. A third HAWK Battalion has prepared to depart 29 Palms, California, to stage through Cherry Point en route to Guantanamo. MATS had completed 60% of this deployment as of 0800 24 October. This places the deployment ahead of their schedule.

Marine Air Group 14 from Cherry Point has arrived at Key West, except for its sorting equipment, which is awaiting airlift. On the West Coast, the 8th MEB is now offloading for the move through the Panama Canal.

CONAD: To meet his air defense responsibilities, CINCONAD has an interceptor force of 183 interceptors under the operational control of the Montgomery Air Defense Sector. These interceptors are in the Florida Peninsula below a line Panama City - Jacksonville. 22 are standing a five minute alert, 72 on 15 minutes and 48 are on a one to three hour alert.

At all times CONAD has four interceptors on airborne alert. They patrol on a line generally from just West of Key West to a point just Southeast of Miami.

This regular airborne alert is augmented daily, one hour before first light until one hour after, by five airplanes. These airplanes are positioned:

- a. One over MacDill
- b. One 40 miles East of Patrick
- c. One 35 miles East of Miami
- d. One 85 miles Southwest of Tampa
- e. One 65 miles Northwest of Key West

Should conditions of tension warrant, CINCONAD will have two additional aircraft on airborne alert over Homestead and Patrick.

TAC: The infiltration of TAC airplanes into the Florida bases has ended. This infiltration accomplished over the last few days has brought 850 airplanes into these bases. The greater majority of the airplanes are primarily for the tactical air role but many (62) will augment CONAD forces in the air defense role.

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ALERT WORLD-WIDE: Alert condition of US forces world-wide has been increased to DefCon 3.

Army: The following strike forces have been assigned to CINCLANT for Operational Control as of 220430Z.

101 ABN Div Ft Campbell Ky
 54 FA Gp (Hdq) Ft Bragg N. C.
 Hq XVIII ABN Corps Ft Bragg N. C.
 XVIII ABN Corps Arty Ft Bragg N. C.
 13 AD Gp (Hq) Ft Stewart
 82 ABN Div Ft Bragg
 1st Inf Div (1/5 BG, 1/28 BG, 2/8 BG) Ft Riley
 2nd Inf Div (1/87 BG, 2/1 BG, 2/9 BG, 1/26 BG) Ft Benning

Task Force Charlie in transit to ports of embarkation.

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>INCREMENT</u>	<u>STRENGTH</u>	<u>MOVE TO</u>	<u>PORT</u>
1st Brig/1st Armd Div	1st	809	Ft Stewart	Lauderdale
1st Bn 81st Armor Co C, 13th Armor				
1st Bn, 52d Inf Co A, 6th Inf	2d	1263	Ft Stewart	Lauderdale
1st Bn, 6th Arty	3d	471	--	New Orleans
3d Bn, 6th Arty Btry B, 73d Arty	4th	574	--	New Orleans
Co A, 16th Engr	5th	360	Ft Stewart	Lauderdale
Five Support Div Arty	6th	317	Ft Stewart	Lauderdale
Other support elements		<u>20</u> <u>4006</u>		

Personnel Mobilization: The JCS has identified the order of magnitude of forces to be mobilized under the 150,000 ceiling and made recommendations now under consideration of SecDef.

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Under the Joint resolution, Navy and Marine enlistments of personnel on active duty have been extended up to the allowed maximum of 1 year.

Public Information: Security of Information guidelines (12 categories) of data which will not be released to the press will be promulgated by OSD today.

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